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SUBJ: "NEW" PSO SOCIALISM VS. "HISTORIC" PSOE SOCIALISM

BEGIN SUMMARY: TWO RECENT INTERVIEWS BY RAUL MORODO, DEPUTY LEADER OF TIerno GALVAN'S PSP, AND BY FELIPE GONZALEZ, FIRST SECRETARY OF PSOE, HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENCES AMONG SPAIN'S VARIOUS ILLEGAL SOCIALIST PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

1. FELIPE GONZALES, LEADER OF THE ILLEGAL PSOE, THE PRINCIPAL SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE ONLY ONE RECOGNIZED BY THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, SAID IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH THE MAGAZINE "BLANCO Y NEGRO" THAT FROM THE BEGINNING HE AND THE PSOE HAVE BEEN MOST INVOLVED WITH WORKER GROUPS. ALTHOUGH THE PSOE HAS MOVED BEYOND THE SIMPLE SPHERE OF THE WORKER TO INCLUDE PROFESSIONALS, INTELLECTUALS, FUNCTIONARIES, AND OTHERS IN ITS RANKS, THE BASIC STRENGTH OF THE PARTY WILL ALWAYS BE IN THE WORKING CLASSES. GONZALES WAS NOT INTERESTED IN BEING A GOVERNMENT MINISTER, FEELING HIS WORK LIES IN THE PARTY, AND HE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH THE PERSONALITIES OF THE PRESENT MINISTERS NOR OF ANY GOVERNMENT. NOR DID HE SPEAK OF WHAT THIS PRESENT GOVERNMENT MUST DO TO MOVE FORWARD. HIS CONCERNS WERE WITH THE GOALS OF THE PSOE PARTY AND ITS ADVANCEMENT. HE RULED OUT VIOLENCE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. HE TERMED SOCIALISM AS THE HIGHEST FORM OF DEMOCRACY SINCE IT GIVES THE WORKING CLASS THE ABILITY TO CONTROL

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ITS OWN FATE, DEFENDING THE TOTALITARIAN TURN OF THE CASTRO

REGIME AS NECESSARY FOR ITS SELF-DEFENSE. HE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A POLITICAL CENTER IN SPAIN (OR ANYWHERE) SINCE HE DEFINED SOCIETY AS "ANTAGONISTIC CLASSES WHICH FIGHT, WITHIN DEMOCRACY, TO ACHIEVE THE GREATER PORTION OF POWER AND IMPOSE DEMOCRATICALLY THEIR OWN DECISIONS." ASKED FOR A PSOE POLITICAL PROGRAM, HE REPLIED WITH BRIEF PROPOSALS: NATIONALIZATION OF MANY OF THE KEY BANKS, AGRARIAN REFORM, AND NATIONALIZATION OF THE ENERGY, INDUSTRY. HE ALSO WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THE QUESTION OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS SPANISH SOCIALIST GROUPINGS. THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW, HE REFUSED REPEATEDLY TO ATTACK ANY POLITICAL OR POLITICAL GROUPING, AND SAID HE DESIRES A DIALOGUE WITH ALL.

2. RAUL MORODO, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND DEPUTY LEADER OF ENRIQUE TIerno GALVAN'S ILLEGAL POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY, (PSP) IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SAME MAGAZINE, SAID THAT THE SPANISH POLITICAL OPPOSITION WAS SKEPTICAL OF THE VARIOUS OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL DECLARATIONS OF INTENT TO DEMOCRATIZE. HE OFF-HANDLY CHARACTERIZED THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AS FRANCOISTS AND SAID THAT THE HOPE WAS THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENTS WHICH COULD THEN DEMOCRATIZE SPAIN. HE SAID THREE MEASURES WERE NECESSARY TO GAIN CREDIBILITY FOR THIS GOVERNMENT: A POLITICAL AMNESTY, A PROGRAM OF RAPID CREATION OF PLURALIST DEMOCRACY WITH FULL POLITICAL LIBERTIES INCLUDING POLITICAL PARTIES AND FREE TRADE UNIONS, AND INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

3. MORODO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF A SOCIALIST PARTY AS EXCLUSIVELY A WORKERS' PARTY WAS A THING OF THE PAST. THE SPANISH SOCIALISM OF THE FUTURE SHOULD INTEGRATE WORKERS, PROFESSIONALS AND INTELLECTUALS. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL CONCERNING THE CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL UNION OF ALL THE VARIOUS FEUDING AND FRAGMENTED SPANISH SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS. HE DESCRIBED THE SPANISH SOCIALISM OF THE FUTURE AS "HUMANIST SOCIALISM", WHICH WOULD SEEK A GRADUAL, DEMOCRATIC, NON-VIOLENT AND NON-AUTHORITARIAN PROCESS OF SOCIALIZATION.

4. COMMENT: THE CONTRASTS ARE STRONG BETWEEN THE TWO OF SOCIALISM EXPRESSED BY MORODO AND GONZALEZ. MORODO FOCUSES ON EVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL CHANGE WHEREAS GONZALES, BESIDES SUPPORTING POLITICAL CHANGE, PRESCRIBES ECONOMIC CHANGES AND IMPLIES MORE EXTREME VIEWS. MORODO'S CONCERNS ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE OF ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER "CIVILIZED" AND "BOURGEOIS" POLITICAL GROUPING IN SPAIN, BUT GONZALEZ' SOCIALISM, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS "HISTORIC" SOCIALISM, THE SOCIALISM OF PABLO IGLESIAS, THE 19TH CENTURY FOUNDER OF THE PSOE. IT SEEMS TO RISE ABOVE THE PRESENT CONCERNS OF PERSONALITIES AND NARROW ISSUES. IT STRESSES ITS CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH THE RESPECT TO THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION. UNDERLYING THE DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH IS THE FACT THAT MORODO'S AND TIerno GALVAN'S PSP IS A SMALL, BASICALLY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MADE UP LARGELY

OF ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS WHICH HAS NO INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF ITS "SOCIALIST" CREDENTIALS AND IS TINED WITH
POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM (E.G., THE PSP JOINED THE COMMUNIST-
MANIPULATED "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA" OUT OF OPPORTUNISM TO ENHANCE ITS
POLITICAL STATURE. GONZALEZ' PSOE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE
"HISTORIC" SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY WITH NEARLY 90 YEARS'
EXISTENCE, EXCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, AND STRONG ROOTS
IN THE SPANISH WORKING CLASS.
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